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## Ald. Joe Davis Appointed To Top National League Of Cities Policy Leadership Post

Milwaukee Common Council member Joe Davis, Sr. has been chosen to serve as chair of the Community and Economic Development Policy and Advocacy Committee of the National League of Cities (NLC) in 2008.

“It is an honor to be named to this position. The NLC’s goal is to promote cities as centers of opportunity and leadership and there is no better example than Milwaukee,” said Ald. Davis, chair of the Common Council’s Community & Economic Development Committee.

NLC President Cynthia McCollum, a council member from Madison, Ala., announced Alderman Davis’ appointment today. The committee is one of NLC’s seven standing committees that develop policy positions and advocate on behalf of the NLC on national issues involving municipal governments.

The group seeks to ensure that as election conversations begin across the country, the needs of cities like Milwaukee are part of the debate. Ald. Davis said, “Milwaukee deserves the chance to be part of the national dialog on housing, sustainability, workforce development and reliable sources of funding. I am proud to be a representative of the city and engage the conversation at this level.”

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## **Ald. Davis Appointment/ADD ONE**

Ald. Davis, a former member of the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors, has been a member of the NLC's Community and Economic Development Policy and Advocacy Steering Committee since 2004 and has most recently served as Vice-Chair of that committee. Each NLC policy and advocacy committee has a membership of approximately 150 officials from cities and towns throughout the nation.

The committees will hold their first meeting in March, during the NLC's annual Congressional City Conference in Washington, to discuss and identify specific policy issues to be addressed during the year as well as recommend tools the NLC can provide to assist cities in making stronger communities.

The NLC is the oldest and largest national organization representing municipal governments in the United States. With a membership of nearly 1,800 cities and towns, as well as 49 state associations, the NLC serves as a resource and advocate for U.S. cities that serve some 225 million people.

As chair of the NLC's Community and Economic Development Policy and Advocacy Steering Committee, Ald. Davis intends to bring Milwaukee's local issues like affordable housing, our new relationship with the National Housing Trust Fund, the redevelopment of areas like West Lawn and other housing advocacy projects to the national stage.

"Milwaukee has a lot to offer other cities' leaders and we can greatly benefit by the relationships the NLC can bring," Ald. Davis said.